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This is in reply to the official action dated September 16, 2004, in which the examiner rejected claims 1-11, 16-29 and 31, and objected to claims 12-15 and 30.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.